

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new Abstract on page 15, line 1, following the claims:

ABSTRACT

The present disclosure concerns biologically active materials, particularly materials that comprise a biodegradable polymer linked to a biologically active agent. The disclosure further concerns materials known as polymer-drug conjugates that typically contain a therapeutic agent, for instance a bioactive cytotoxic drug linked to a polymer backbone. The linkage typically is a covalent linkage. However, in some embodiments the disclosure concerns other polymer conjugates including those where the biologically active agent is an imaging agent, such as a tyrosinamide, a diagnostic agent, or a targeting agent, such as biotin.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please delete TABLE 2 on page 14 and insert it on page 11, line 6, before the claims.